channel water. If the ryots do not get even the water, it is impossible for them to cultivate the lands. Sometimes, in order to escape the payment of contribution, the lands are not cultivated at all. Hence, arrangements may be made by Government to remove the silt levying an acreage cess on the landholders to meet the expenses of Government. This may be collected along with the assessment. There will not be any trouble.

Mr. Ananthiah.—Similar inconveniences are experienced elsewhere also. If the collection of the cess is entrusted to the Deputy Commissioner and also the control over the work, the matter will be expedited. It does not require any technical skill and every Deputy Commissioner has a Maramat ngineer in the District who can get the work done. If such a thing is ordered, we shall provide all the necessary facilities by way of labour, etc., The point is that the work of collection and control over the clearing of silt should be entrusted to the Revenue Department.

Dewan.—We shall consider. The Deputy Commissioner will be asked to expedite.

SUBJECT No. 240.

Opening of a Railway line to Chiknayakanhalli.

'Mr. Seetharamaiya', Chiknayakanhalli Municipality.

Mr. Seetharamaiya.—Chiknayakanhalli is second in size to the District head-quarter and yet the statistics show that its trade is in a very backward condition. *Copra* is an important article of trade in the taluk and very little is exported from this place, mainly for want of Railway facilities. Much of the *copra* goes from the interior villages direct rather than through the taluk head-quarter. A Railway line may therefore be opened from Mysore to Chiknaykanhalli *via* Nagamangala and Turuvekere.

Third Member of Council.—There is a Railway hardly 12 miles from this place and the commodities may be conveyed thither for export. It is not immediately possible to think of a Railway line to this place.

Mr. Venkatesiah.—Railway questions are of general importance affecting the Railway policy of the Government. It would therefore be more convenient if all Railway questions are brought under General Subjects hereafter.

Dewan.—Will be considered.